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1. On the evening of 12 February 1953, the Philippine National Patriotic League held an open forum outside the Quiapo Church in Manila which was attended by approximately 500 Filipinos. Although anti-American slogans were displayed, speeches were confined mainly to the denunciation of Chinese in the Philippines, and were well received by the audience.
2. Among the topics under discussion were:
 - a. Efforts of Philippine Chinese to ingratiate themselves with Filipinos by adopting the Filipinos custom of godparents, in an attempt to appear Christian and therefore more acceptable;
 - b. The danger of permitting the present large percentage of businesses in the Philippines to be owned and operated by Chinese;
 - c. The necessity for supporting the Philippine National Patriotic League in order that the movement will become powerful enough to achieve influence with the Government. When this aim is realized, Filipinos will allegedly experience prosperity, wealth, and a "Philippines for the Filipinos".
3. The apparent purpose of the Philippine National Patriotic League is to foster Filipino resentment of both Chinese and Americans. Although the movement now has only a small following and an ineffective leadership, the undercurrent of anti-Americanism among certain classes of Filipinos, and the antipathy of many Filipinos toward the Chinese, may cause the aims of the league to prosper. Arturo Samanigo,¹ an unregistered attorney, is the present leader of the movement.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. A Manila press report of July 1952 named Arturo Samaniego as president of the League. Samaniego told Manila Police that the league is not subversive; however, he admitted that the organization is anti-Chinese. He stated that the league has approximately 1,000 members, the majority of whom are small Filipino businessmen. The group was responsible for smuggling an anti-Chinese float into a Luneta parade on 4 July 1952.

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